

False Arms Data Alleged By Symington

Sees Facts Juggled To Balance Budget

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Sen. Stuart Symington, D., Mo., accused the Eisenhower administration today of juggling intelligence data to balance the budget.

But he recoiled at a reporter's suggestion that this charge was so serious he might consider it grounds for impeachment of President Eisenhower.

The Senator said that would be unthinkable. He said it was up to public opinion to halt what he called "misinformation about our deterrent power."

In a Senate speech, and beforehand at a press conference where the text was distributed, Sen. Symington declared:

"The intelligence books have been juggled so the budget books may be balanced . . .

"I charge the Administration with using intelligence information in such a manner that the American people have been given an inaccurate picture of what is necessary for our national defense."

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Sen. Symington, who says he would like to be President but has not announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination, said he was sure he would be accused of playing politics.

His accusation was that the Administration manipulated its intelligence estimates of Soviet missile strength to justify its contention that America is strong enough, on balance, to keep the Soviet Union from launching an attack. He said Russia has three times as many missiles as the United States, a ratio the Administration says longer exists.

"The facts are that a very substantial missile gap does exist and the Administration apparently is going to permit this gap to increase," Sen. Symington said.

The Symington salvo kept going a running battle touched off by the testimony last week of Secretary of Defense Thomas



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Sen. Symington discussing speech he made on the Senate floor with capital newsmen yesterday.

S. Gates Jr. The Secretary left the impression on Capitol Hill that a new method of evaluating intelligence about Russia's intentions to use its capabilities showed there was "no deterrent gap."

President Eisenhower since has said Mr. Gates was misunderstood and would eventually clarify his meaning. Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said in New York last night there was nothing new about the way Soviet data is evaluated.

An Explanation

Mr. Gates said tonight that new information about Soviet missiles, not new ground rules for weighing such information, was the basis for Administration optimism about defense. He made this statement in a speech prepared for the Republican party's "Dinner with Ike" celebration at Portland, Ore. He was unable to deliver the speech in person because the commercial jet flight supposed to take him there was cancelled due to mechanical trouble.

Meanwhile, the House Space Committee clashed with Dr. Keith R. Glennan, head of the National Aeronautics and Space

Administration. The incident raised the temperature of both Dr. Glennan and Rep. Overton Brooks, D., La., chairman of the committee.

Dr. Glennan and his top aids waited an hour and twenty minutes to testify. When finally called, Dr. Glennan in a statement said he will seek "substantial additional funds" for development of super-rockets. These, he said, would enable America to surpass Russia in space in four to five years.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, D., Tex., served notice that he wants proof from the Administration that America has an adequate space program. He said this will be the key question at joint hearings beginning Friday before the Senate Space and Defense Preparedness Committees.